(c) whether it is a fact that after the fire the BSF vacated the building at Lal Chowk where it was stationed and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether it is a fact that terrorists have of late stepped up their activities of arson and murder in Srinagar town and elsewhere in the valley and if so, what steps have been taken by Government to counter the menace ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : (a) to (c) In the incident that took place in Lal Chowk area of Srinagar on 10th April 1993, a few buildings housing around 200 shops and 50 residences are reported to have been damaged and four persons are reported to have died. The State Govt. has ordered an enquiry to be conducted by the Divisional Commissioner to ascertain the facts of this incident and causes thereof.

(d) It is a fact that militants have recently stepped up their activities. It has been seen that as a part of their strategy whenever pressure against them is mounted and efforts to re-commence the political process are initiated, the militants increase the level of violence. However, security in the State, especially in vulnerable areas, has been stepped up to deal with and contain the terrorist violence, effectively.

Law and Order situation in Delhi

326. SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH :

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI :

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Law and Order situation has deteriorated in the Union Territory of Delhi recently because of the incidents of kidnapping, looting, murders, rapes, suicides and bank robberies;

(b) the number of cases of kidnapping, rioting and bank robberies separately during the past six months as compared with the comparative figures in the corresponding year;

(c) the number of kidnapping cases where ransom has been paid by the relatives and the amount thereof and the number of culprits that have been arrested in connection with the kidnappings; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government to check such incidents ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The number of cases of kidnapping, rioting and bank robberies reported in Delhi during the period from 1-10-92 to 31-3-93 and its corresponding period from 1-10-91 to 31-3-92 is as under :—

Crime Head	1-10-92 to 31-3-93	1-10-91 to 31-3-92
Kidnapping	337	336
Rioting	160	158
Bank Robberies	1	–

(c) No case has been reported during the aforesaid periods in which ransom was paid. 150 person were arrested during the period from 1-10-92 to 31-3-93 and 157 persons during the period from 1-10-91 to 31-3-92.

(d) The steps taken by the Govt. to control law and order situation include increased patrolling; posting of pickets at strategic points; strengthening of intelligence; frequent raids at the hideouts of criminals; increased surveillance; coordination meetings

with the officials of the neighbouring States; training of police officers in handling modern weapons; introduction of scientific methods of investigation; modernisation of communication network, etc.

Persons arrested in connection with recent Bomb Blast in Bombay

327. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI :

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of persons arrested in connection with the recent bomb blast in Bombay;

(b) the names of those who are wanted by the police but have not been arrested, including those who have fled the country and what steps are being taken to arrest them;

(c) the item-wise detail of arms, explosives and other related material so far seized in Maharashtra;

(d) the names of persons whose property has been sealed or attached in connection with the bomb-blasts in Bombay; and

(e) whether Government have come across evidence of involvement of foreign agencies in the crime; if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) Yes, Sir. The details in this connection are contained in the statement laid on the Table of this Sabha by the Minister for Home Affairs on 27th April, 1993.

Economic package for Bodo Youth

328. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are working out any package of economic incentives for Bodo youths in Assam for a durable solution to militancy after signing of tripartite accord with Bodos; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) and (b) A Memorandum of Settlement was signed between the Government of Assam and All Bodo Students Union/Bodo Peoples' Action Committee on 20th February 1993. The objective of this Scheme is to provide maximum autonomy within the framework of the Constitution to the Bodos for social, economic, educational, ethnic and cultural advancement. No proposal for economic incentives for Bodo youth has been received from the Government of Assam.

329. [Transferred to the 4th May, 1993].

Regularising the service of persons engaged in 1991 Census

330. SHRI MD. SALIM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that persons recruited in 1991 for census work are continuing on ad-hoc basis awaiting their regularisation;

(b) whether it is also a fact that persons engaged on ad-hoc basis for 1971 and 1981 census have been absorbed in different Governments;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government propose to retrench the persons engaged in 1991 for census work;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for discrimination against the persons engaged in 1991 and whether Government propose to regularize their services in accordance with the labour laws and also to give age relaxation for the purpose; if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) No, Sir.